

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

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Claim 1 (original): A method of providing sustained release of a drug to moist tissue comprising applying to said moist tissue a drug delivery device which is adherent to said moist tissue and includes a level of N,O-carboxymethylchitosan as a component thereof to provide said adherence, said drug delivery device further containing a sufficient quantity of the drug to be delivered to provide sustained release of said drug and permeation into said moist tissue or into the surrounding cavity.

Claim 2 (original): The method of claim 1, wherein said moist tissue comprises mucosal tissue.

Claim 3 (original): The method of claim 2 wherein said mucosal tissue comprises tissue of the oral cavity.

Claim 4 (original): The method of claim 3 wherein said oral cavity tissue comprises buccal tissue.

Claim 5 (original): The method of claim 4 wherein said drug is selected from the group consisting of melatonin, chlorpheniramine, chlorhexidine, tetracycline and mixtures thereof.

Claims 6-7 (canceled).

Claim ~~8~~<sup>6</sup> (original): The method of claim 3 wherein said device comprises a structural support material selected from the group consisting of rubber, plastic, resin, natural and synthetic polymers, and mixtures thereof.

Claim ~~9~~<sup>7</sup> (original): The method of claim 2 wherein said mucosal tissue comprises vaginal tissue.

Claim <sup>8</sup>~~10~~ (original): The method of claim <sup>7</sup>~~9~~ wherein said drug is selected from a group consisting of progestins, estrogens, antifungal agents, antibacterial agents, anti-viral agents, proteins and peptides.

Claim <sup>9</sup>~~11~~ (original): The method of claim <sup>8</sup>~~10~~ wherein said drug comprises levonorgestrel.

Claim <sup>10</sup>~~12~~ (original): The method of claim 2 wherein said mucosal tissue comprises ocular tissue.

Claim <sup>11</sup>~~13~~ (original): The method of claim <sup>10</sup>~~12~~ wherein said drug is selected from the group consisting of beta blockers and glaucoma treating drugs.

Claim <sup>12</sup>~~14~~ (original): The method of claim 2 wherein said mucosal tissue comprises the gastrointestinal tract.

Claim <sup>13</sup>~~15~~ (original): The method of claim 1 wherein said moist tissue is tissue in a serous cavity.

Claim <sup>14</sup>~~16~~ (original): The method of claim <sup>13</sup>~~15~~ wherein said moist tissue is tissue within the pleural, pericardial or peritoneal cavities.

Claim <sup>15</sup>~~17~~ (original): The method of claim 1 wherein said moist tissue comprises bone.

Claims 18-26 (cancelled)